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OTHER MATTERS

BEGIN SUMMARY: JOINT CENTRAL COMMISSION TO IMPLEMENT THE ACCORDS (JCCIA) MET NOVEMBER 14 AND, AS HAD BEEN HEARALDED, ADDRESSED A NUMBER OF LONG-STANDING AGREND ITEMS (REFUGEES, MARKERS, NEUTRALIZATION OF VIENTIANE AND LUANG PRABANG) NOW THAT PW EXCHANGES HAVE BEEN COMPLETED. PL REQUESTED PGNU PAYMENT OF ITS FORCES IN TWO CITIES. THE TWO SIDES ONLY SPECIFICALLY AGREED TO RESUME MOBILE-TEAM SURVEY OF BOUNDARY-MARKER POINTS IN CENTRAL LAOS EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 18. END SUMMARY.

1. JCCIA MET FOR MORE THAN TWO HOURS NOVEMBER 14 IN FIRST PLENARY SESSION SINCE END OF THAT LUANG FESTIVAL AND EXECUTION OF FINAL PRISONER RELEASE ON NOVEMBER 7. MEETING WAS UNDER JOINT CHAIRMANSHIP OF DR. KITHONG VONGSAY (VIENTIANE SIDE) AND PRADITH THIENGTHAM (LPF SIDE). VIENTIANE SIDE SPOKESMAN LANE PATHAMMAVONG TOLD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PRESS AFTERWARDS THAT FOLLOWING ISSUES HAD BEEN DISCUSSED.

- 2. REFUGEES: THE TWO SIDES HAVE DRAFTED AND EXCHANGED PROPOSED PROCEDURES FOR RESETTLEMENT OF REFUGEES. ALTHOUGH SUBJECT IS NOT OFFICIALLY INSCRIBED ON AGENDA, JCCIA AGREED TO DISCUSS THE MATTER, "AS SOON AS POSSIBLE," PROBABLY DURING NEXT PLENARY SESSION NOVEMBER 21.
- 3. BOUNDARY STAKES: JCCIA AGREED TO DISPATCH JOINT MOBILE TEAMS BY ROAD NOVEMBER 18 TO STUDY FEASIBILITY OF IMPLANTING STAKES AT PAK KADING AND MUONG CAO (BOTH IN BORIKHANE PROVINCE, MR-V). AFTER THAT, TEAMS MAY PROCEED TO MR-III TO STUDY SAME QUESTION AT TWO OTHER SITES IN AREAS OF KHOUA SONG HONG AND KOUAN PHA VANG (ROUTE 12), BOTH IN KHAMMOUANE PROVINCE. TEAMS ARE SCHEDULED TO USE ROUTE 13 IN NORTHERN MR-III (WHICH MIGHT LEAD TO REOPENING OF THIS ROAD TO REGULAR TRAFFIC). COLONELS SOMBOUN VONGPHRACHAN (VIENTIANE SIDE) AND CHENG SAIGNAVONG (PL) OF JCCIA WILL ACCOMPANY MOBILE TEAMS. MEANWHILE, BOTH SIDES HAVE PREPARED AND SENT TO "HIGHER AUTHORITIES" FOR DECISION THEIR REPORTS ON DISPUTED BOUNDARY-STAKE LOCATIONS AT BAN ITOU (MR-IV) AND HONGSA (MR-I).
- 4. STATIONING OF TROOPS IN VIENTIANE: LPF INDICATED THAT IT WANTS VIENTIANE SIDE TO STATION ITS COMPONENT OF PROTECTIVE MILITARY FORCES (PMF) AT A SINGLE LOCATION WITHIN CITY RATHER THAN KEEP TROOPS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS AS AT PRESENT. (ACCORDING TO COLONEL ARYA PHIMMASONE, VIENTIANE SIDE REPLIED THAT MINISTRY OF FINANCE HAS APPROVED NECESSARY FUNDS AND VIENTIANE SIDE HAS LOCATED AN APPROPRIATE SITE SOUTHEAST OF THAT LUANG BUT IS STILL NEGOTIATING WITH OWNERS OF LAND.)
- 5. SECURITY: THE TWO SIDES AGREED TO ESTABLISH A CENTRAL OFFICE, EVIDENTLY IN VIENTIANE, FOR COORDINATION AND EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON RUMORED OR ACTUAL DISTURBANCES.
- 6. OTHER LPF CONCERNS: LPF DELEGATE PHONSAY CHANTAVASY INTERVENED IN LANE'S PRESENTATION TO ADD THAT HIS SIDE HAS ASKED VIENTIANE SIDE TO ALLOCATE FUNDS FOR PAYMENT OF SALARIES TO LPF MEMBERS OF PMF AND MIXED POLICE, ON BASIS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THAT THESE TROOPS SERVE PGNU AS A WHOLE AND NOT LPF ALONE. (COLONEL ARYA TOLD US VIENTIANE SIDE'S RESPONSE WAS THAT LPF SHOULD SUBMIT ANNUAL FUNDING REQUIREMENTS TO MINISTRY OF FINANCE FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION.) PHONSAY ALSO SAID LPF HAD ASKED TO BE INFORMED IN ADVANCE OF VIENTIANE SIDE TROOP MOVEMENTS AND NON-SCHEDULED FLIGHTS INTO AND OUT OF VIENTIANE AND LUANG PRABANG IN ORDER TO PREVENT MISUNDERSTANDINGS. (ON THIS POINT, ARYA ELABORATED,

LPF ACCUSED VIENTIANE SIDE OF MOVING TROOPS WITHIN VIENTIANE AND OF BRINGING T-28 AIRCRAFT INTO WATTAY AIR-PORT -- ONLY PLACE THEY CAN BE REPAIRED -- WITHOUT ADVANCE NOTICE TO PL.)
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